

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1932

Introduced by Assembly Member Cook

February 22, 2012

An act to add Section 710.2 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1932, as introduced, Cook. United States armed services: healing arts boards.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various healing arts professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires the rules and regulations of these healing arts boards to provide for methods of evaluating education, training, and experience obtained in military service if such training is applicable to the requirements of the particular profession or vocation regulated by the board. Under existing law, the Department of Veterans Affairs has specified powers and duties relating to various programs serving veterans.

This bill would require, by January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, every healing arts board to issue a specified written report to the Department of Veterans Affairs that clearly details the methods of evaluating the education, training, and experience obtained in military service and whether that education, training, and experience is applicable to the board's requirements for licensure. The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature in this regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 710 of the Business and Professions Code
2 was enacted in 1969 and because healing arts boards have not
3 demonstrated significant compliance with that section, it is the
4 intent of the Legislature to establish an annual reporting
5 requirement to compel these boards to provide information about
6 the methods of evaluating education, training, and experience
7 obtained in military service in order to meet the needs of the
8 upcoming wave of armed service members returning to civilian
9 life.

10 SEC. 2. Section 710.2 is added to the Business and Professions
11 Code, to read:

12 710.2. By January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, every
13 healing arts board described in this division shall issue a written
14 report to the Department of Veterans Affairs that clearly details
15 the methods of evaluating the education, training, and experience
16 obtained in military service and whether that education, training,
17 and experience is applicable to the board's requirements for
18 licensure. This written report shall include, but not be limited to,
19 quantitative information about the number of service members
20 who have applied for and have used their military education,
21 training, and experience to fulfill the board's requirements for
22 licensure.